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Saskatchewan
Police
Complaints
Investigator

The Honourable Robert W. Mitchell, Q.C.
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned, pursuant to Section 15 of The Police Act, 1990, is pleased to present the Saskatchewan Police Complaints Investigator Annual Report for the period of January 1, 1992 to March 31, 1992.

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Introduction

Role of the Complaints Investigator

Civilian review of public complaints against the police began in the United States in the 1960's. Since then it has spread around the world and developed so that today, Canada is recognized as a leader in the public complaints field. Effective January 1, 1992, Saskatchewan joined other provinces with amendments to its Police Act, 1990, whereby a new procedure was developed for the handling of complaints against municipal police. With the appointment of a Complaints Investigator, pursuant to Section 39(1), the duties and powers of the Investigator are as follows:

(a) record the complaint received;

(b) establish and maintain a record of all public complaints received by the police services and their dispositions;

(c) inform, advise and assist complainants;

(d) advise and assist the chiefs and boards, the hearing officer and the commission with respect to the handling of public complaints;

(e) monitor the handling of public complaints and ensure that public complaints are handled in a manner consistent with the public interest;

(f) inspect annually, or at those times directed by the minister, the records, operations and systems of administration for the handling of public complaints by police services.

(2) In exercising the duties of the investigator pursuant to this section, the investigator:

(a) shall receive and obtain information respecting a public complaint from the complainant;

(b) may receive and obtain information respecting a public complaint from the complainant;

(c) may request access to any files or other material in the possession of the police service relevant to a public complaint; and

(d) may interview and take statements from the chief, board, complainant and the member or chief who is the subject of the public complaint.

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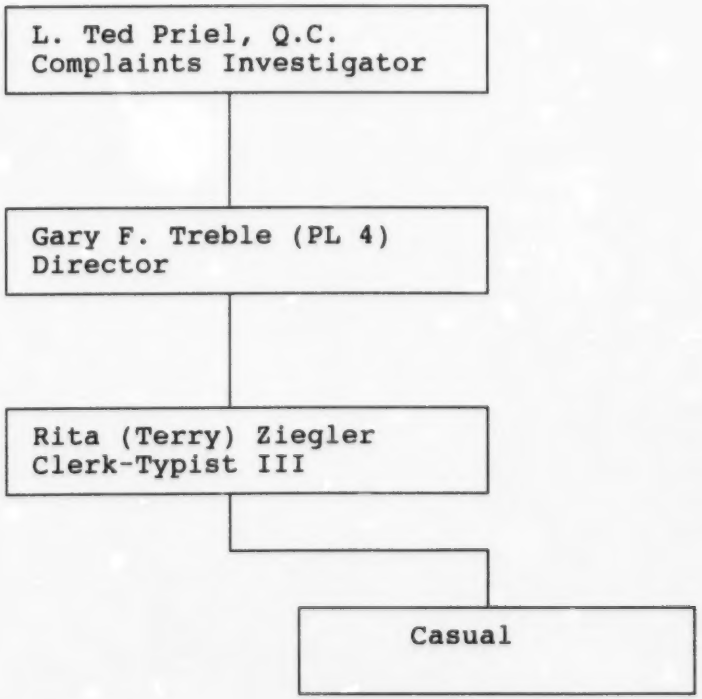
SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR

Organizational Chart



Public Complaints

For the period January 1, 1992, to March 31, 1992, this office processed 48 complaints against municipal police officers in the province. All investigations and subsequent reviews were not concluded at the time of this publication therefore, statistics are not available at this time. A complete analysis for the calendar year will be available for the next annual report.